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BIND TO NUCLEIC ACIDS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12 as follows:

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said contacting in (a) includes incubating a pool of said NABEs with a pool of said NABFs in conditions conducive to the formation of said NABE-NABF complexes.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said identification in (b) includes submitting said contacted NABFs and NABEs in (a) to an electrophoresis separation.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 12.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

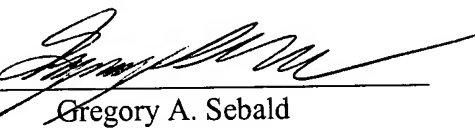
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336.4728.

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